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## ASSESSMENT APPEALS NEARING AN END; "FAIR SALE" VALUE SOUGHT BY THE COUNCILMEN

Witnesses Prefer to Give Comparisons With Other Properties.

### ASSESSORS ARE UNDER FIRE

Sharp Words Exchanged During the Session. Complaint Is Made That There Is Too Rapid a Rise in Assessments and a Change to Fairly Present Claims.

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## CLAIM WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW HAS BEEN ABUSED

Speaker at Mining Institute Says It Increases Minor Injury Reports.

### OFFICERS FOR YEAR ARE CHOSEN

President Scores Lack of Interest in Trade Among the Institute Members. Other Interesting Papers on Program for Rest of the Session.

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## FRATERNAL ORDERS WILL SUPPLY NEEDY WITH COAL

Lilies Tugles and Moore Combine to Do Charity Work Among the Poor During Xmas Season.

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## FRANCE BESTOWS HIGHEST HONOR ON DIPLOMAT HERRICK

Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor Given Ohio Ambassador.

### FIRST AMERICAN SO HONORED

Only 35 Men Now Living May Wear the Decoration, Returning Diplomat Refuses to Take Presidential Room Seriously, Pleds and "Broke."

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## VICTORIOUS GERMANS, HAVING TAKEN LODZ, WILL PRESS ON AND AGAIN THREATEN WARSAW

KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Englewood, Pa. When Express and Coal Train Collide.

By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—The Philadelphia & Reading railroad night express between Philadelphia and Pottsville was wrecked near here today when it collided with a coal train, resulting in the death of the engineer of the coal train and the serious injury of three other members of the crew.

### CLAIM WOMAN SHOT HERSELF

Defense in Murder Case Claims Gun Went Off During Struggle.

By Associated Press. UNIONTOWN, Dec. 9.—In the murder case of Andy Lockwood charged with killing his boarding mistress Mrs. Mollie Monellie at Brazeau on October 11, counsel in a brief address outlined to the jury this morning the manner of defense to be set up in behalf of the accused man.

The most important testimony to be offered in behalf of the defendant is a conversation alleged to have taken place with a Polish man in which it was stated the woman shot herself during a squabble with the defendant who was trying to gain possession of a revolver which she had procured for the supposed purpose of killing Lockwood. When the defendant refused what had happened he was struck with grief and attempted to kill himself.

The two are said to have disagreed concerning their marriage. Lockwood, who had secured the license to wed the woman, alleged that she had not been good to her former husband before the time of his death. The woman is alleged to have refused to marry the defendant because she had gone to the pier to greet him in half of the city, the station the nation.

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Berlin Says Advantage in Russian Poland Will be Pressed.

### LULL IN FIGHTING IS EXPECTED

Terrific Strain on Both Armies, Experts Believe, Will Result in Letup in the Terrific Battle, Russian Claim Retreat at Lodz a Strategy.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 9.—The center of the German line in Russian Poland, having occupied Lodz, is continuing to push on to the east after the retreating Russians according to official announcements made in Berlin. Nevertheless, the strain on both sides has been terrific and the losses heavy so that a lull probably soon will set in on this part of the front while the troops recuperate.

The Russians continue to assert that their retreat was a strategic move rather than a defeat but it will take further developments to show if this claim is correct. Twice driven back from Warsaw the Germans again are in a position to advance on the capital of Russian Poland and the British press, while minimizing the importance of the taking of Lodz, points out that it is on the trunk line railroad between Lodz and Warsaw now held by the invaders probably to a point considerably to the west of the occupied city.

Viewing the fighting in the vicinity of Lodz it would appear that Germany had a crushing victory almost within her grasp and lost it by not being able to follow up while the Russians succeeded in gaining a dominant position which they could not afford.

In the west while it appears generally true that the Germans are more on the defensive than the offensive, the news that they have made a violent attack to the south of Ypres indicates that they have not abandoned the idea of being through to the French coast and it is said that the plan of the German western army has been concentrated in this latest effort.

The use of General Eynon in South Africa has not yet been cleared up. If he is dead, it is believed it will remove the last of the important South African rebels. General De Wet is a person of considerable importance and most of the command have been broken up.

### ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON FROM SEACOAST TO LYS

By Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 9.—An official French statement issued in Paris this afternoon says that the fighting in the region of Arras and further to the south there was nothing to report. All the positions were in the hands of the French and the German army was in a position to attack the French positions.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Wilson's second annual message to Congress, delivered Monday night, after the adjournment of the House, was a masterpiece of statesmanship. It was a message of hope and courage, and it was a message of peace and harmony. It was a message that was needed by the people of this country, and it was a message that was needed by the people of the world.

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## By Request of the President.



## Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1881.

The coke trade continues to dull, with little prospect of improvement. The shipments have dropped to 500 cars and loaded cars standing on the sidings of the coke plants in the region of the 10,125 acres in the region, 3,987 are idle.

James James H. Gray died suddenly, L. T. Russell named temporary executor to serve until a successor is elected.

Encouraged by the success of relief associations in connection with the railroad, employees of the U. C. Truck Coke Company contemplates organizing one in the coke region.

William (Uncle) of Lumber mystery people shot while walking in the mountains near that town.

A movement toward organizing a Y. M. C. A. in Connellsville is being made. Those at the head of the movement plan to hire a hall for social meetings of members until suitable quarters are secured.

Connellsville contributes half upon its fire water. There is little chance of any kind, while surrounding towns report much ditching and concrete ditches.

School report for November shows 875 enrolled and an average attendance of 750.

While standing on a car-seated chair, Miss Jennie Kiser was thrown out and the W. & A. broken ribs.

At the residence of Daniel Moore, in the Association grounds, a house, valued at \$100.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1881.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, December 8, shows a total of 23,178 cars in the region, of which 18,269 are active and 4,909 idle, with an estimated tonnage of 27,517.

Shipments for the week aggregated 11,254 cars, condensed as follows: To Pittsburgh, 2,150 cars; to other points, 9,104 cars; to points east, 1,155 cars; a net increase of nine cars.

Crushed, 11,400 tons. Coke production increased slightly, showed a surplus with a view to raising prices and wages after the 1st of the year.

Following a spring-like day on Sunday, a wild mountain storm does considerable damage about town. Churches at Connellsville and elsewhere downed; bridges blown off the railroad; churches, grandstands at Athletic Park, covered around and a public at Russell's restaurant torn off.

Engineer Edward Helms and Fireman William Wallace lost at night for number of days work in a month on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, of which Mr. Helms was at the controls. It was, and Mr. Wallace at the controls.

Arrangements being for the Connellsville assembly on New Year's eve. The committee include Charles Davidson, H. P. Sneyder, J. H. Sneyder, and J. H. Sneyder.

It was decided to hold a dinner for the Connellsville railroad in a safe here, does not say when the Pittsburgh and Connellsville streets crossing at Robert Steele is lost at a house, warning in his new home on South Pittsburgh street.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

No advertisement for less than 10 cents.  
 Classified columns close at noon. Advertisements of want, unless otherwise specified, will not appear until the day following.

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# Holiday Suggestions FOR Christmas Shoppers

The approach of Christmas awakens the spirit of giving, and brings to mind pleasant anticipations of the joyful season. The Union Supply Company's sixty-three stores have made elaborate preparations to aid you in selecting appropriate gifts for this annual occasion. We will not enumerate the many different articles which we now have on display, but wish to state that our Christmas stocks are now complete, and suitable presents in great profusion can be selected to suit every age, condition and pocketbook.

Our stocks comprise not only toys and dolls, but especially selected gifts for Women, Misses and Children, as well as for Men and Boys. Our stores are beautifully decorated, and a visit to one of them will prove not only enjoyable but profitable.

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63 Large Department Stores, Located in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.

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A town in the middle west, pinched with poverty, decides that it will have no Christmas, as no one can afford to buy gifts. They perhaps foolishly reckon that the heartburnings and the disappointments of the children will be obviated by passing the holiday season over with no observance. How this was found to be simply and wholly impossible, how the Christmas joys and Christmas spirit crept into the little town and into the hearts of its most positive objectors and how Christmas cannot be arbitrated about, make up the basis of a more than ordinarily appealing story. Incidentally it is a little boy who really makes possible a delightful outcome. A thread of romance runs through it all with something of the meaning of Christmas for the individual human being and for the race.

## Not Keep Christmas at All!

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house that was no house to the dark  
ness, save that they remembered how  
he touched a square, smoked thing  
with a beard of dead coppers and  
white shadow. Edged over its never  
lighted window a fit home for this  
man, least liked of the 300 neighbors  
who made Old Trail Town. He touched  
the elbows of the other two men as  
they walked in the dark, but he rarely  
touched any human form. And  
now Abel Ames suddenly put his hand  
down on that of Ebenezer, where it  
lay in the crook of Abel's elbow.

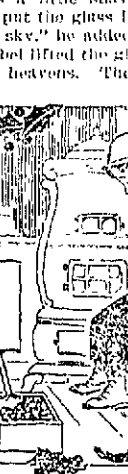
"What you got there?" he asked.

"Nothing much," Ebenezer answered  
fraternally, with "It's an old glass. I  
was looking over some rubbish and I  
found it—over back. Use a good glass."

"What you got a field glass out in  
the dark for?" Abel demanded.

"I used to fool with it some when I  
was a little shaver," Ebenezer said.  
He put the glass in Abel's hand. "On  
the sky," he added.

Abel lifted the glass and turned it  
on the heavens. "There, above the lit-



"And he sat down on the edge of a  
chair by the stove."

side town. The firmament had unclothed  
itself of branches and lay in a glorious  
nakedness to three horizontal.

"Thinner," Abel said, "look at 'er  
look."

Snatching the field with the lens,  
Abel spoke megalomaniacally.

"Seems as if I'd kind of miss all the  
fuss in the store around Christmas,"  
he said, "the extra rush and the trim-  
ming up and all."

"Abel! I miss her-bim!" his store with  
cut paper, I guess," said Simeon. "He  
does on 'an-sels."

"Last year," Abel went on, not lower-  
ing the glass, "I had a little kid  
come in the store Christmas eve that  
I'd never seen before. He ask me if  
he could get warm—and he sat down  
on the edge of a chair by the stove  
and he took in everything in the place.  
I ask him his name, and he just snif-  
led. I ask him if he was glad it was  
Christmas, and he says, 'Was? I  
was glad' to give him some cough  
drops, but when I came back from  
waiting on somebody else was gone.  
I never could find out who he was.  
I can't say anybody that saw him. I  
thought, 'wonder this Christmas he'd  
come back. I bet, and it look like a  
picture of bottom-ups up there? Heav,  
Simeon."

Simeon, talking, took the glass and  
lifted it to the stars.

"Cut paper don't is all very well,"  
he said, "but the worst nighttime of  
the year to the stores is Christmas.  
I always think it's come to be 'Peace  
on earth, good will to men and ex-  
travagance of women' while I see  
them fill of good pieces up there in  
the sky, like that of old kind of the  
old, like a clock up there—hey, it  
to strike a clock up there—hey, it  
out, along about around that bright  
one down there, by the way, he broke  
off, "look at that high one."

Simeon kept looking through the  
glass, and he bent a little forward  
to try to see the better.

"What is it?" he repeated, "what's  
that one? It's the biggest star I ever  
see!"

The other two looked where he was  
looking, too, in amazement. But they saw  
nothing save those old kind of  
moving and a scatter of sparkling  
points not more bright than those of  
the upper field.

"You look," Simeon had the vague  
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grumbled. "Come on, Abel. It must be getting round the clock."

Abel lingered.

"A man owns the bull (thing with a gong) of this stamp," he said. "How much does one like that cost?" he inquired.

"I'll sell you this one!" began Ebenezer; "want a week or two and I may sell you this one," he said. "I ain't really leaved through it myself yet."

Not much after this the two went away and left Ebenezer in the dark yard.

He stood in the middle of his little grass plot and looked through his glass, seeing that a light there was, so to say, nothing remarkable about the sky save its distance. It had none of the relevance of clouds. It made you think of a bed of golden bells, each invisible stalk trying on its own account to help forward some spring. As he had said, he did not know one star from another, nor a planet for a planet with a name. It had been years since he had seen the heavens so near. He moved about, looking, and passed the wall of red-bellied houses and numberless. Stars hung in his soul's like fruit for the checking. They patterned patches of sky. He looked away and back, and it was as if the stars repeated themselves, like the choons of everything.

"You beggars," Ebenezer said, "awful dressed up, ain't you? It must be for something up there—it ain't for anything down here, let me tell you."

He went up to his dark little door.

From without there he could hear Kate Keer, his general servant, who had sufficient personality to compel the term "house-keeper," setting sponge for bread with a shuffling, hollow sound and a force that implied a frown for every down stroke of the iron spoon. He knew how she would turn toward the door as he entered, with her way of arching eyebrows, in the manner of one about to rectify the symptoms of a change for the worse—or at best to say "about the same!" to everything in the house. And when Kate Keer spoke, she always whispered on the faintest pronunciation.

A sudden darkness for the entire inside of his house seized Ebenezer. He turned and wandered back down the little dark yard, looking up at the high lead of the stars with only his dim eyes.

"There must be quite a little to know about them," he thought, "if anybody was enough interested."

Then he remembered Simon and Abel and laughed again in his way.

"I wonder," he thought, "if those boys, didn't I?" he thought, "I've fixed folk—so they can't spend their money foolish!"

Two steps from Ebenezer's front gate Simon and Abel overtook a woman. She had a long shawl over her head and she was humming some faint air of her own making.

"Coming to the meeting, Mary?" Simon asked as they passed her.

"No," said Mary. "Thank, I started for Mrs. Tab's sewing circle night I'm going to walk around."

"Things are going to go your way to that meeting, I guess," said Simon.

"Ain't you always found fault with Christmas?"

"They's a lot o' nonsense about it," Mary asserted. "I don't ever bother myself if much with it. Why?"

"I dunno but we'll all come round to your way of thinking tonight," said Simon.

"For just this year!" Abel Ames called out as they went on.

"You can't have it, I guess," said Mary. "Everybody dips Christ away up out of their pocket-books, and if there ain't nothing there, they can't dip."

The men laughed with her and went on down the long street toward the town. Mary walked slowly under the yellowing elms that made great golden slides for the dim post lamps. And behind at the far end of the street down which they went hung the blue air which, besides the "own hail," center to the confusion of the house lights and the shop lights and the street lights, all near neighbors to the stream and sweep of the stars hanging, little brighter and shinier as by one sun.

CHAPTER II.

The Meeting.

IT was interesting to see how they took the proposal to drop that Christmas from the calendar there in Old Tired Town. It was a evidently a sensible thing to do, and they all knew it. Oh, every way they looked at it, it was sensible, and they admitted it. Yet, besides Mary "Thank and Ebenezer Rule, probably the only person in the town whose satisfaction in the project could be counted on to be unforgotten was little Ben Winslow. For him, as all the town knew, and a turkey brought up by his own hand, so to say, of his Christmas dinner, but such had become Tab's fatality with and fondness for the turkey that he was prepared to forego his Christmas if only that dinner were foregone, too.

"Theophilus Tabstidown is such a human turkey," Tab had been heard explaining patiently: "he knows me—and he knows his name. Do don't expect us to eat him—why, you can't eat anything that knows its name."

But every one else was just mostly sensible. And they had been discussing this sensible in this sensible in the town meeting that night, before Simon and Abel hunched their heads for standardizing their sensible handling.

Somebody had said that Jenny Wing and Bruce Hite, who was Ebenezer's nephew, were expected home for Christmas and had added that it didn't look as if there would be much of any Christmas down to the station

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"to meet them." On which Miss Mortimer Bates had spoken out, philosophically, in the total of brevity. Miss Bates was little and brown and quick, and her clothes seemed always to enclose her off, so that her figure was no part of her presence.

"I ain't going to do a thing for Christmas this year," she declared, as neatly everybody in the Village had intemperately declared—"not a living, breathing thing. I can't, and folks must just use as well know it, that fact. What's the use of buying fassel and flimdam when you can order muffs, gloves to save butter and using salt sticks for handkerchiefs? I ain't educated up to see it."

Miss Jane Moran, who had changed her chair three times to avoid a draft, sat down carefully in her fourth chair, her face twitching a little as if its muscles were connected with her joints.

"Christmas won't be no different from any other day to our house this year," she said. "We'll get up and eat our three meals and sit down and look at our other. We can't even spare a hen—she might lay if we didn't eat her."

Miss Abby Winslow, mother of seven under fifteen, looked up from her rocking chair—Miss Winslow always sat slumped in chairs as if they were reaching out to rest her, and indeed this occasional yielding to the force of gravity was almost her only luxury.

"You ain't thinking of the children, Miss Bates," she said, "nor you either, Jane Moran, or you couldn't talk that way. We can't have no real Christmas, of course. But I planned some little things made out of what I had in the house—things that wouldn't be anything and yet would seem a little something."

Miss Mortimer Bates swept round at her.

"Children," she said, "ought to be showed how to do without things. Penner and Gussie didn't expect a silver of nothing for Christmas—not a silver."

Miss Winslow unexpectedly stared up.

"Well, er, it shows through on the outside or not," she said, "I'll bet you they are."

"My three," Miss Emerson Morse put in practically, "have been kept from

popping corn and cracking nuts all full  
 so's they could do both Christmas night  
 and it would seem like something that  
 was something."  
 "That ain't the idea," Miss Bates  
 insisted; "I want them 'learnt to do with-  
 out—"  
 "They'll learn that," Miss  
 Abig Wineslow said; "they'll learn."  
 "Happener," as it does to most every  
 one of us to have no Christmas, they  
 won't be no distinctions drawn. No one  
 of the children can brag-and children  
 is limbs of Satan for braggin'!" she  
 said. She was remembering a brief  
 conversation overheard that day be-  
 tween Gussie and Pen, the minister's  
 son:  
 "I've got a doll," said Gussie.  
 "I've got a dollar," said Pen.  
 "My mamma want to a tea party,"  
 said Gussie.  
 "My mamma give one," said Pen.  
 Gussie mustered her forces. "My  
 papa goes to work every mornin',"  
 she tapped it.  
 "My papa don't have to," said Pen,  
 and closed the incident.  
 "I can't help who's a limb of Satan,"  
 Miss Wineslow replied dogmatically. "I can't  
 be no sinner, since Christmas time without  
 Christmas."  
 "It won't be Christmas time if you  
 don't have any Christmas," Miss Bates  
 persisted.  
 "Oh, yes it will," Miss Wineslow said.  
 "Oh, yes it will. You can't stop that."  
 It was Miss Bates, who, from the  
 high back of plush rocker, framed with  
 the blue glass paper weight on the red  
 glass lamp and, in the absence of Mr.  
 Bates, called the meeting to order. The  
 Old Trail Town society was organized  
 on a platform of "members-ship unlimited,"  
 does nothing but taking turns with the  
 president, officers to consist of  
 the president, the host of the evening for  
 wife if any, and no minutes to bother  
 with." And it was to a meeting so  
 disposed on the subject of Christmas  
 that Simeon Buck rose to present his  
 argument.  
 "Mr. President," he addressed the  
 chair.  
 "It's Mrs. President, you ninnys  
 peeps," corrected Bull Miles, sotto  
 voce.  
 "It had ought to be Mrs. Chair-

men," objected Miss Moran. "She ain't the continuous president!"

"Why, then," he makes, call me Mr. Bates. Formal, and 'er about," said the lady under discussion. "Oh! I bet you've forgot how what you was going to say."

"Not much I did not," Simon Buck continued composedly, and, ignoring the interruptions, let his own vocabulary strid. Then he presented a memorandum of a sum of money. It was not a large sum. But when he quoted it, everybody looked at everybody else, stricken. For it was a sum (large enough, many had rejoined, in the sum—months of work on the part of an appalling proportion of Old Trail town.

"From the day after Thanksgiving to the night before Christmas last year," said Simon, "that is the amount that the 300 souls—no, I guess it must have been bodies—in our town spent in the local stores. Now, here living expenses aside—which ain't very much for us all, these days—this amount may be ascribed to have been spent by the lot of us for Christmas. Of course there was those," continued Mr. Buck, looking intelligently about him, "who had bought more of their Christmas gifts in the city. But these—these economic traitors only make the point of what I say the more so. Without them, the town spent this truly amazing sum in keeping the holidays. Now, I ask you, frank, could the town afford that, or any thing like that?"

Buck Miles spoke out of the extremity of his reflections.

"That's a funny crack," he said, "for a merchant to make. Why not leave 'em spend and leave 'em pay?"

"Oh, I'll leave 'em pay all right," rejoined Simon, significantly, and stood staring and smiling until there were those in the room who uncomfortably shifted.

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Sick Two Years With Indigestion.

"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. A. S. Ketter, Elida, Ohio. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with indigestion." Sold by ad-

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## MOUNT PLEASANT

Special to The Courier.  
**MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 8.**—The General Committee met and decided to erect the Community Christmas Tree on the Diamond. The tree will be lighted on the evening of the 24th and 25th from 7 o'clock. There will be music by the Municipal band and a grand Christmas Carol by a mixed choir of school children from all schools. Santa Claus will meet his friends at the tree on the evening of the 24th. All are invited to attend. The committee promises to be the very best. Donations are solicited and will be received by the members of the general committee and by the following members of the Finance Committee: Stephen, William, Shupe, Howard Stone, N. M. Crum, Avery, Decker and C. E. Painter. Mrs. M. W. Harner, chairman of the decorating committee has chosen as her aids: Mrs. William H. Harner, Mrs. J. C. Harner, Mrs. Virginia Harner, Mrs. Will Marsh, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. John Bowman, Mrs. John Harner, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Harner, Mrs. Harner and Chester Harner.

The winter term at the Mount Pleasant Hotel began on December 2 and the registration for the winter term is much larger than the fall. The hotel is closed for the holiday season from December 16 to January 6th, inclusive.

James R. Reber, the two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reber, formerly of S. C. died at the home of Mr. Reber, father, William Reber, and was buried in the Middle Presbyterian cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Millinery clearance. Plumed hats of every description in all the fashionable shops. A showing so thoroughly good it will pay you to come. Mr. Harner's Apple street, 4-5-6.

The men of the Reformed Church held a meeting in the church last evening to arrange for the year's work. Addressed were made by the pastor, Rev. M. R. Fisher, C. A. Gaudin and Nelson. Following recently, men were present and were served with a turkey supper. The committee in charge were D. K. Harshbarger and J. S. Myers.

J. E. Smith, who has been appointed internal revenue officer, has been placed in the stamp department of the Pittsburgh office. The family will remain in the city.

Miss Sarah Hood, a graduate of the Memorial Hospital training school, has returned from Derby where she was on duty.

The Methodist Episcopal Bible class held their regular study session in the church last evening. After the regular routine of bible study, refreshments were served.

The wedding cake to be given to the couple getting married at the millinery, minister to the party at the home of the Mount Pleasant, the department at the Grand Opera House next Monday and Tuesday evenings, is a child of the millinery, a baby of the millinery.

Read the opening chapters of our new serial story, "Christmas," in this issue.

## WHAT DYSPETICS SHOULD EAT.

## A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE.

"Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble are, nine times out of ten, due to acidity. Therefore, stomach trouble should be treated by eating the food that is best for the nature, or which by chemical action in the stomach develops acidity. Unfortunately, such a rule dictates most food which are rich in the fats, as well as those which are rich in food, such as meat and butter. This is the reason why if people and stomach sufferers are made so thin, emaciated and looking in that vital way which is only a result of a well fed body. For the benefit of those sufferers who have been obliged to exclude from their diet all starch, sweet or fatty food, and are trying to keep up a miserable existence on plain products, I would suggest that you should try a meal of my food or foods which you may like, in moderate amount, taking immediately afterwards a teaspoonful of saturated magnesia in a little hot or cold water. This will neutralize the acid which may be present, or which may be formed, and instead of the usual feeling of weakness and fullness, you will find that your food agrees with you perfectly. Essential magnesia is doubtless the best food compound and antacid known. It has no direct action on the stomach, but by neutralizing the acidity of the food contents, and thus removing the source of the acid irritation which induces the delicate stomach lining, it does more than could possibly be done by any drug or medicine. As a physician, I believe in the use of medicine whenever necessary, but I must admit that I cannot see the sense of doing an inflamed and irritated stomach with drugs instead of getting rid of the cause of all the trouble. Get a little saturated magnesia from your druggist, eat what you want at your next meal, take some of the best of the magnesia as directed above, and see if I'm not right?"—Ad.

Trespass Notation for sale at The Courier Job Department.

Try our city filled advertisements.

## YOUNG MEN WANTED CHAUFFEURS

Chauffeurs for hire. In the city of New York, there is a large number of chauffeurs who are willing to take a young man as a chauffeur. The salary is \$20 to \$30 a week, and the work is not too heavy. If you are interested, please call on me at 100 West 42nd Street, New York City. My name is John J. Smith.

## AFTER PUBLIC SUPPORT

## R. &amp; O. Tells Its Agents to Keep in Touch With Civic Affairs

The question of public relations between the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the communities served by its lines is one of absorbing interest to the management, as indicated by a circular which has been sent to all of its agents and other representatives of the road, urging them to exert every effort to promote good will by bringing about a fair understanding of the railroad problems while at the same time avoiding any consideration to public rights.

Representative, at the railroad have been instructed to keep in touch with matters of state and municipal government, as well as with the activities of business organizations, so that where railroad questions are involved the company may create a hearing when propositions for it to do so. The sense of the circular is that the local representatives of the Baltimore & Ohio shall act in a representative capacity for the management.

At meetings of town councils, trade organizations or citizens the railroad representatives are urged to enter the appearance and to consider them to the questions which come up. In this way the management aims to put itself in intimate touch with public opinion in order to work along co-operatively with the communities upon whom it depends for revenue.

Agents and others are urged to keep themselves informed through the medium of the local press and forward such articles as may be of interest to the management.

The purpose of the Baltimore & Ohio policy is to extend the plan adopted recently by the Baltimore & Ohio, which is to extend the expert service of its engineering, transportation, traffic, industrial and

other officials free of charge in working out their problems. Officials of the Baltimore & Ohio are called into consultation often on problems concerning water works, improvements, street construction, erection of buildings, etc., the aim being to give the communities the benefit of every possible assistance.

The present policy of railroad management, which has as its foundation co-operation between transportation interests and the people they serve suggested the circular which is being sent to Baltimore & Ohio representatives.

## BAD BREATH

## Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at the Cause and Remove it

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and naturally rid the system of poisons. People afflicted with bad breath and quick relief through the use of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The medicine is taken for bad breath by all who know them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act gently but firmly on the bowels and liver, stimulating them to natural action, clearing the blood and gently purifying the entire system.

They do that which dangerous calomel does without any of the bad after effects.

All the benefits of music, alleviating, rippling, exhilarating are derived from Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets without griping, pain or disagreeable effects of any kind. Dr. J. M. Edwards discovered the formula after a research of 20 years of medicine among the people of the world who have suffered with the attendant bad breath.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are purely a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color. Take one or two every night for a week and note the effect. 10c and 50c per box. All druggists.

The Olive Tablet Company, Columbus, O.

## SOISSON THEATRE

THE HOUSE OF LILIES.  
 THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT.

THE CELEBRATED ACTRESS  
**HELEN GARDNER**  
 in the massive seven-reel production

"THE PRINCESS OF BAGDAD"

THE TWO-REEL MEDIEVAL DRAMA  
 "THE NINETY BLACK BOXES"

THE JOKER COMEDY  
 "THE BATTLE OF THE NATIONS"

THE ANIMATED WEEKLY  
 TWELVE GOOD SCENES

AN EXCELLENT BILL - 5 and 10 Cents

## NEW

## Empire Theatre

Special Feature Today.  
 ELECTRIC FILM CO.  
 Presents the Pathé Players in

"THE LAST VOLUNTEER"

A stirring drama of European warfare in five parts

Positively the Best War Picture Ever Shown

10c—ADMISSION—10c

## Olympic Theatre

HIGH CLASS PICTURES  
 TODAY

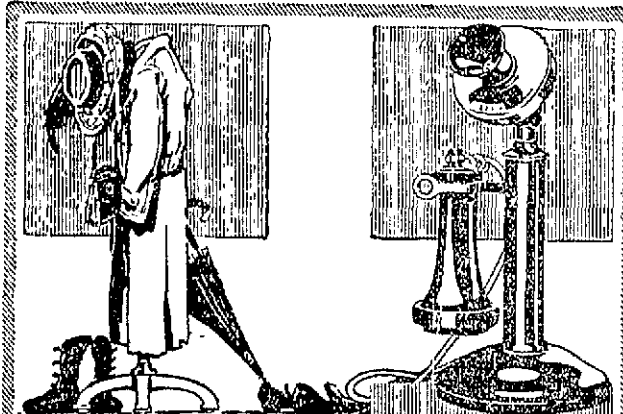
THE BOX OFFICE ATTRACTION CO. Presents

Through Night To Light

Portraying an Emotional Domestic Drama in Three Acts

TROUPE CLOSED DOWN  
 Comedy

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Which do you use in stormy weather?

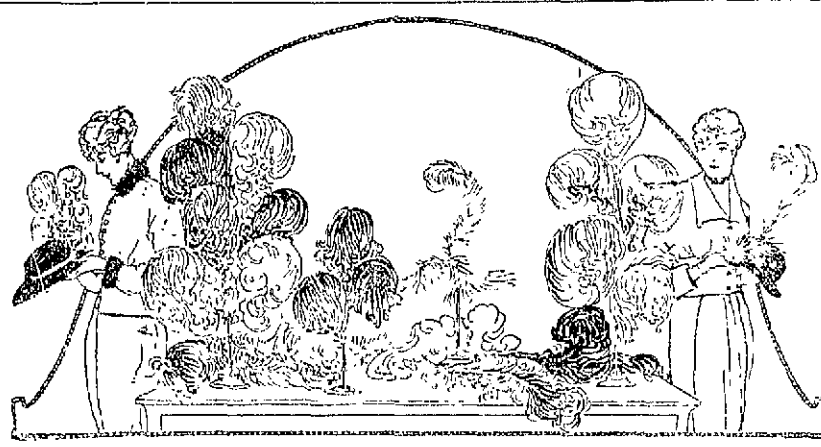
The messy "gum" and mackintosh which forebode a cold, or the modern messenger which insures comfort.

Every woman knows she needs a Bell Telephone in her home; her neighbors and friends all have them. Decide now to have one. Advise the Business Office and it will be quickly installed.

The Central District Tel. Co.,  
 Thomas Simpson, Agent  
 Connelville, Pa.



## WRIGHT-METZLER'S—THE CHRISTMAS STORE



## ANNUAL SALE FOR GIFT SELECTION

## Ostrich Plumes and Paradise Feathers

This time each year we make a special effort to secure Ostrich plumes of particular beauty and worth, for gift giving. And it is a good time for us to make choice; there's generally odds to be picked up in the market for less than usual price. How well we've done by you this year is evidenced by the plumes on sale; and in addition, we came onto lovely Paradise feathers at a great bargain in price. The sale is for Thursday and the balance of the week, in the millinery room.

Ostrich Plumes	Paradise Feathers
Full headed French plumes Val. \$8.00 Sale \$5.95	Black and natural, splendid quality, perfect feathers at the same over usual prices, as set opposite. They make nice gifts, and usable girls. —Always stylish
In solid black and white and these colors, navy, Copenhagen, green, pink, purple and others. All are perfect, useable now and later and lovely! Val. \$6.00 Sale \$3.95	Val. \$12.50 Sale \$8.00
Val. \$5.00 Sale \$2.48	Val. \$7.00 Sale \$5.00
Val. \$3.00 Sale \$1.98	Val. \$5.00 Sale \$3.50

<h2 style="text-align: center;">FANCY TURKISH TOWELS</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">HANDKERCHIEFS —SOME SPECIALS!</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">NECKWEAR GIVABLE KINDS</h2>
<p>Towels of this class are hard to get, and it was an effort to land the 50 dozen towels just received. Plain white, with circle for handkerchiefs, and floral designs with borders in color—blue, pink, yellow, and beige. 20c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 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